

800 people find work in Williamson County in April

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As Tennessee's unemployment rate rose to nearly 10% in April, Williamson County's employment picture got much brighter. Nearly 800 people who weren't working in March found jobs in April.

Matt Largen, Williamson County's director of economic development says it was a bit of a surprise. "In an economy like this, to do as well as we are, it's really surprising. You wouldn't expect in this economy to add any jobs."

Davidson County lost 550 jobs in April, Sumner County lost 80. The number of unemployed workers in Rutherford, Robertson and Wilson shrank in April, but not as much as in Williamson County.

Largen explains: "This is an economy by design. There was leadership in this county years ago, long before I got here, that decided 'we're going to be the capital for corporate headquarters. We're going to be the capital for health care and we're going to be the capital for information technology.'"



Only 3% of Williamson County's industry is in manufacturing. The top 25 employers are almost all in the service sector. Here is a list of Williamson County's top five employers:

Cool Springs Galleria	3,500
Williamson County Schools	2,500
Williamson Medical Center	1,300
Nissan	1,300
Verizon	1,300